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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN PROPOSALS

REF: ANKARA 3457

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LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS. PRESIDENT PERSONALLY TELEPHONED
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